

## Talked Long, but Obeyed His Mother.

Dr. Sylvester F. Scovel was making an address at the commencement exercises of the Ohio university, of which he is the president. The big gymnasium where the exercises were held was packed to the doors and the air was hot and stifling. The audience had listened to college orators until it was surfeited. Everybody was warm and tired and waiting to make a dash for the open air at the first opportunity. The orator began. He sketched the history of the institution; he spoke of its many needs; he dwelt upon its success and predicted for it a brilliant future. He spoke of the trustees in terms of praise; he commended the faculty; he complimented the students, and tears glistened in his eyes as he told of the generosity and kindly interest of the dear public.

Over an hour went by. The corners of the hall grew dark, and the rays of the setting sun flashed upon the windows. The young graduates slumbered in their chairs, and the audience looked longingly toward the door. All at once the speaker stopped, murmured a brief sentence, wheeled around and resumed his seat. A little white haired woman in the rear of the hall had waved her ear trumpet, pressed her finger to her lips and the fires of his oratory were quenched. She was the venerable mother of the president, and she exacted from her son the same obedience which he gave her in his youth.

"That's my son Sylvester," she was heard to say as the hall was slowly cleared. "That falling of his has been a great trial to me. My son Sylvester, he talks too much."—New York Tribune.

## How to Treat Newspaper Men.

Don't tell a newspaper reporter, when he calls on you on business, things which you do not wish him to print. He does not call for information for the fun of it. He is there on business. When you meet a reporter socially, don't say to him every time you open your mouth, "This is not for publication."

If you really have information to give, either give it cheerfully and frankly or refuse with firmness, but don't try to be clever and attempt any "funny business." If you give the information frankly you will in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred be accurately reported and respectfully treated. If you refuse firmly and politely your reticence will be respected. If you try to outwit the reporter by an effort to mislead him or by direct misrepresentation, you are sure to make a mess of it and wish that you had been better advised.

Disabuse your mind of any foolish impression that the newspaper reporters are malignant persons, trying to stir up trouble in the world. They are, as a rule, the opposite of this and have as high an idea as other men of the relative advantages of contentment and strife.—Portland Oregonian.

## The Mexican Frontier.

The extent of the Mexican frontier is not ordinarily comprehended. From Brownsville, Tex., to El Paso, with the windings of the river, it is fully 1,300 miles, and thence along the boundaries of New Mexico, Arizona and California to San Diego is several hundred miles more. This frontier is quite as long as the Atlantic seaboard from Portland, in Maine, to the southernmost point of the peninsula of Florida. Some three hundred miles of country, where the Rio Grande river runs through deep canyons, is practically unexplored. This section comprises the counties Presidio, Brewster, Pecos and part of Bueche.

And all along the border is a heavy undergrowth called chaparral. This word originally was applied, I believe, to cactus thickets; but recently in that country any kind of an undergrowth in which men can hide or find shelter is spoken of as chaparral.—Harper's Weekly.

## The Inventor of Stoves.

While Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston he can be said to belong to Pennsylvania as truly as does William Penn, who was born in England, but came here, as did Franklin, from Boston. And how many people in Philadelphia—or elsewhere in the United States—know that we are indebted largely to Franklin for the stoves which less than a century ago began to replace the fireplaces and more crude arrangements for grates warming our houses?

The Franklin stove, which in its days of early development was merely a portable iron fireplace, with open front, in which wood was burned to heat an apartment, was given its name because it was invented by Benjamin Franklin, and was really the connecting link between the rude fireplaces of the last century and the stoves of today.—Philadelphia Press.

## Water in the Australian Desert.

When Mr. David Lindsay returned from his expedition across a part of the Australian desert a while ago, he said the whole of that almost waterless country was inhabited by natives who get their water supply by draining the roots of the mallee tree, which yield quantities of pure water. This tree, absorbing moisture from the air, retains it in considerable quantities in its roots and thus makes it possible to live in an arid region, which would otherwise be uninhabitable.—New York Sun.

## Electric Lights Help a Gardener.

Soon after the erection of an electric light near the residence of W. W. Rawson, a market gardener in Arlington, Mass., plants on that side of the house became more thrifty than before. He acted upon the hint, and now illuminates his lettuce and cucumber beds with electric lights. The result is bigger crops in a shorter time and an increase in his profits of fully 25 per cent.—Yankee Blade.

## Look for the Key.

Don't get angry at small things. Look at vexations now as you will view them thirty days from date. The angry man, who gets the wrong key and pushes and rattles the door till he breaks the lock, loses more time than if he had quietly gone for the right key, and pays for a new lock besides.—New York Recorder.

## THE MEASURE OF OUR DAYS.

In all our walks, in all our ways, Think not the measure of our days Is gauged by figures and by rules; As first we taught us in the schools; But as we walk a brother's heels, By noble acts and generous deeds, By giving comfort where we may, By lighting up a mourner's way, The sum of means that we employ To turn a fellow's life to joy— This is the measure of our days.

A veteran in the wars of life, A prisoned soldier in the strife Of soul with stingy, envious Time Is he who makes his actions rhyme To universal brotherhood, Though long of short hath been his road, Centuries or decades his abode Among his kind, it matters least So fellows by him have been blest. His life is measured by his plan Of dealing with his fellow man, This is the measure of his days.

And much methinks of time he gains, For all his labors, all his pains, For reaching outward far and near To succor want and shelter fear, Nostalgic paddock hems him in, To man desires and groveling sin, A widow's blessing him avails, An orphan's prayer some good entails, While stretching outward over man He converse holds with Nature's plan, And solving life's deep mysteries, He grasps eternal verities, This is the measure of his days.

—T. C. Rice.

## Two Spiders.

In an angle of a basement wall I knew A contented and plethoric hermit spider. In the opposite corner dwelt another. One was black and the other was the color of ashes. One was very fat and the other exceedingly lean. But their webs were as nearly alike as possible, and they both caught flies that came through the same window. There was no social intercourse and I used to sit on the steps and imagine the rivalry in business that must exist and the consequent hatred. I meant in the course of time to discover what the consequences would be if they were made to exchange webs, but a predaceous female with a broom came upon the scene, with a result whose details would not strike the reader as novel.

But I am convinced that Montague and Capulet are characters not unknown in the spider kindred, though they reverse the usual and natural order of enmity, and fight only when they are blood relatives and precisely alike. The gray and the black might live in distant amity in the same basement, but two grays or two blacks—abdomen, size and general family likeness agreeing—would not.—Belford's Review.

## Drowning Half a Continent.

When the Panama canal was first proposed a great cry went up that such a "ditch" would endanger the lives of millions of human beings. It was argued that the waters on the Pacific side of the isthmus were hundreds of feet higher than they were on the Atlantic side, and that the great rush of waters to even up the difference in the level of the two oceans would drown out all southern North America, all the West Indies and most of Mexico and Yucatan. Would be engineers and sensational editors passed their opinions or wrote yards of scare editorials on the subject. It now turns out that the Atlantic and not the Pacific is the higher of the two oceans, and that in place of the difference in level being hundreds of feet, as had been affirmed, the surface of the water on the east side of the isthmus is exactly 6½ feet higher than it is on the western side.—St. Louis Republic.

Races and Religions of the British Army. According to the annual returns of the British army, of the total strength of 196,569 officers and men, 151,311, or 76.3 per cent., are English; 16,538, or 8.3 per cent., are Scotch; 28,720, or 14 per cent., are Irish; Mohammedans, Hindus, Jews, etc., number 667 all told and need not be considered. Of the total 68 per cent. belong to the Church of England; 18.4 per cent. are Roman Catholics; 7.6 per cent. are Presbyterians, and 6 per cent. are Wesleyans. Out of 64,000 officers and men in the royal navy over 47,000 return themselves as members of the Church of England.—London Public Opinion.

Chaperons Must Go. Mr. De Style—How does it happen that our daughters are going around without a chaperon?

Mrs. De Style—I've dropped the silly custom. It doesn't work well on this side of the water.

"Why not?" "The young men seem rather afraid of chaperons."—New York Weekly.

A Rubber Insole. Persons with tender feet will be interested in an insole for boots and shoes. It is made of hollow india rubber, inflated with air or gas under pressure, the external protective covering being canvas, silk or other similar material. Inserted in the shoe it relieves the pressure of the leather against the tender parts of the foot.—Shoe and Leather Facts.

Magpie Among the Greeks. With the ancient Greeks the magpie was supposed to possess the soul of a gossiping woman, and we all know how unlucky it is to meet an odd number of the species in Ireland.—Irish Times.

In Belgium no person is allowed to vote unless he is a taxpayer to the amount of forty francs a year. This law makes the voters only twenty-two out of every thousand of population.

The Ken'th plover, like the stone curlew or thick-knee, is being rapidly exterminated in the county from which it derives its name by collectors and so called "naturalists."

After the juice is squeezed from lemons the peels are useful to rub brass with. Dip in common salt, then brush with dry bath brick.

In some countries the leaves of trees are still used for books. In Ceylon the leaves of the tall pot tree are used for that purpose.

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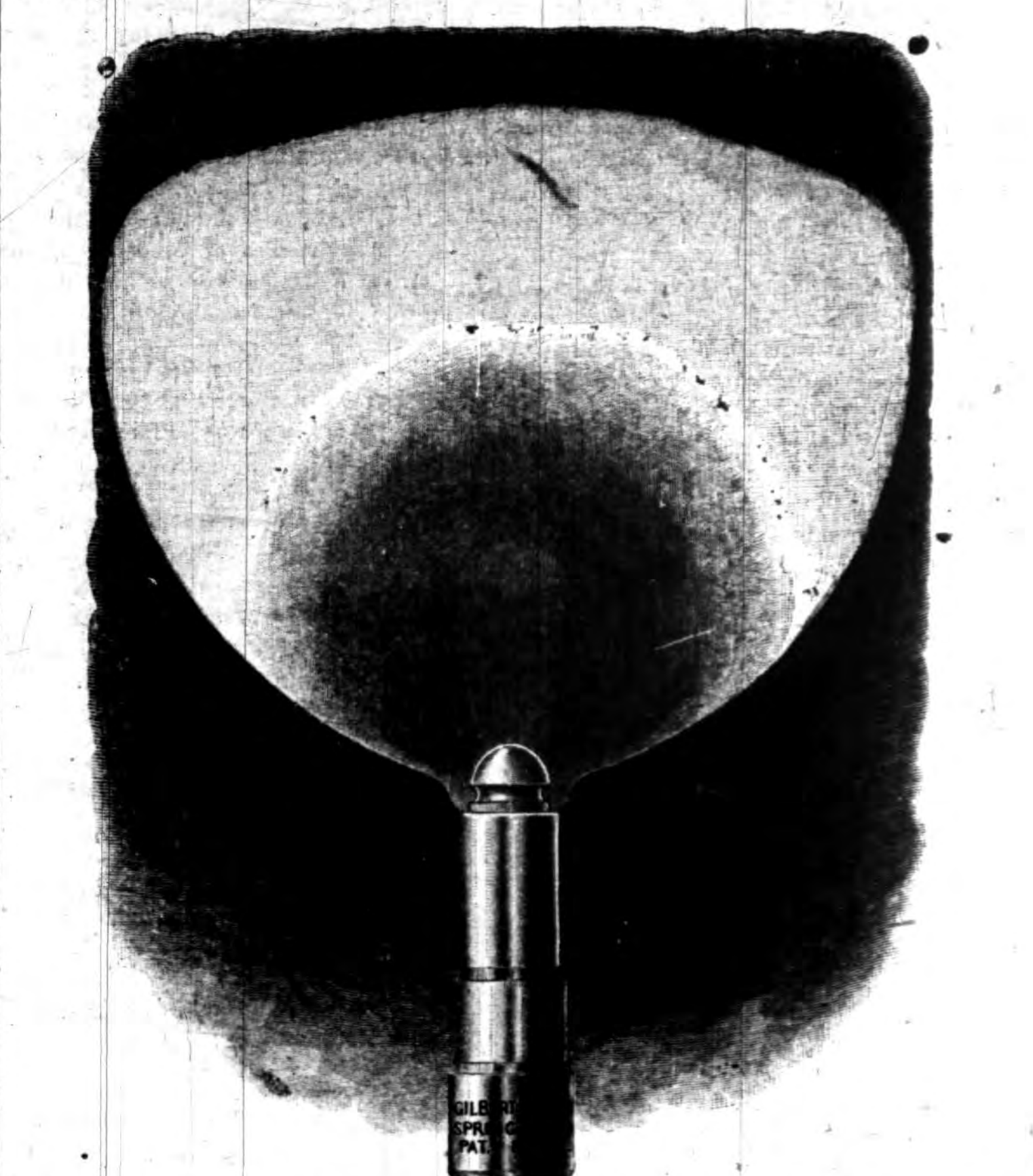
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